

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2004

7:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

(Note: The agenda numbering is continued from the Study Session.)

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank Hansen at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Frank Hansen, Deputy Mayor Terry Anderson, Councilmembers Gene Fisher, Chris Wythe, Ralph Shape, Joe Brennan, and Don DeHan.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Bruce Rayburn, City Manager; Judith Cary, City Clerk; Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Attorney; Steve Mahaffey, Human Resources Director; Jack Dodge, Acting Planning Director; Holly Anderson, Senior Planner, Mike Scarey, Senior Planner; Bob Meyer, Fire Chief; Scott Somers, Chief of Police Services and Greg Dymerski, Police Captain.

FLAG SALUTE: (The Flag Salute was performed on June 8 at the preceding Study Session.)

PRESENTATIONS:

•Mayoral Appointment of Mike Mann to the Hotel/Motel (H/M) Tax Advisory Committee

Mayor Hansen requested Councilmember Brennan, Chair of the H/M Committee, present a Certificate of Appointment to newly appointed committee member Mike Mann, General Manager, SeaTac Hilton Hotel. Councilmember Brennan stated that he was so pleased with the members on the committee, they are the finest collection of Executive Managers in the City and all are volunteers on this committee.

•Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Lawrence Ellis to the Human Relations Advisory Committee and Reappointment of Karen Kuever to the Human Services Advisory Committee

MOVED BY ANDERSON, SECONDED BY BRENNAN TO CONFIRM THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF LAWRENCE ELLIS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KAREN KUEVER TO THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Hansen presented newly appointed committee members Lawrence Ellis and Karen Kuever with their Certificates of Appointment. Mayor Hansen thanked them for their willingness to service the City on these important committees.

•Proclamation declaring June 2004 as the 60th Anniversary of the Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) Program

Mayor Hansen read a City proclamation declaring the month of June 2004 as the 60th Anniversary of the LVER Program. The certificate will be sent to the National Coordinator of the 60th Anniversary LVER, Tacoma Job Service Center, Washington State Employment Security Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: George Olsen, 16804 33rd Avenue South, expressed disappointment that his garbage rates have increased \$6 per quarter with the new waste management company, SeaTac Disposal. A rebate of \$5.52, previously granted by the former hauler is not being offered by the new hauler. Staff will contact Mr. Olsen regarding these issues.

Dick Jordan, 16060 Military Road South, agreed with Mr. Olsen regarding the changeover of haulers. Secondly, he requested the City help McMicken Heights Community Club close their property from use of fireworks. Damage to the property has occurred in the past. He suggested completely banning fireworks in the City.

Terry Johnson, representing TRJ Development, his father's Rent a Car business, requested support from Council regarding the condemnation of their business property on International Boulevard (IB). He is hoping to avoid litigation regarding being offered inadequate access into the business. Since 1954, the company has had unrestrictive access across IB. They are willing to give up 50 percent of this access. Without return access from Sea-Tac Airport, their business will have to close down as it is 100 percent airport dependent. He requested a u-turn or a minor extension of a left turn lane into the Des Moines Vista Retirement Center.

City Attorney Mirante Bartolo stated Mr. Johnson's dissertation of the facts differ with the City's facts. Staff has met with Mr. Johnson on numerous occasions. This is a pending litigation matter and staff is not free to discuss the case in this open meeting. Mayor Hansen stated staff will be in contact with Mr. Johnson.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

•Human Relations Advisory Committee Annual Report

Human Resources Director Steve Mahaffey introduced Human Relations Advisory Committee Chair Connie Cook. Ms. Cook presented the following report:

Committee Members: Connie Lee Cook, Chair; Jack E. Nichols; Margo Mineard; George Ishii; and Lawrence Ellis and Steve Mahaffey, Staff Coordinator/Liaison.

Committee Mission Statement: The committee endeavors to promote diversity by strengthening common bonds, seeking fair treatment for all citizens, and eliminating situations of intolerance that take place within the community. The Commission assists the SeaTac City Council by developing recommendations and proposals for services, activities and functions that address the human relations needs of the citizens.

Responsibilities of the Committee given by the SeaTac City Council:

To report and recommend to the Council concerning human rights and community relations issues and to discharge the following responsibilities:

- Review City programs, activities, functions and facilities and make recommendations to the City Council for new, amended or changed programs, functions, activities and facility needs;
- Identify key community and human relations needs and concerns of the City and evaluate how those needs and concerns may be addressed by action of the City;
- Make constructive, viable suggestions and recommendations to the City Council as to long term and short term action that the City could take within its legal and statutory authority;
- Conduct such other human relations services research, review and advocacy as requested by the City Council in response to or in anticipation of human relations needs and issues of the City; and
- Any other projects assigned by the Council or Council Committee.

In concert with these responsibilities, the following is a list of committee activities in 2003 such as:

- Continue to solicit nominations annually and make the selection for yearly City of SeaTac Diversity Award;
- Invite members of the Muslim community to speak to the committee to get a sense of whether or not they are being discriminated against in any way, or are having access to the City's services. On April 14, the committee had representatives of the Refugee Support Coalition speak about the Somali community in the SeaTac area. There are 2,000 Somalis in the area and they are the second largest minority group in the Highline School District (HSD). The committee was informed that the Somalis' main problems are discrimination in employment and school due in part to their religious dress and language barrier; and
- A representative from the King County (KC) Elections Board also spoke to the committee on voting and voting methods and voting privileges to non-registered voters.

Ms. Cook also read a letter from a Muslim leader regarding the culture barriers this diverse community encounters residing in this local area.

Mayor Hansen thanked Ms. Cook for the excellent and informative report. This is a very important committee in bringing the diversity of the community together.

Councilmember Shape suggested that when the City approves public access television airing such issues as City government, business and events, recreation, perhaps information directed at the diverse groups, their meetings and events could be placed on this communication device.

Councilmember Wythe suggested Ms. Cook contact him regarding a facility for learning English as second language.

Councilmember Brennan stated that English as a second language is being taught in the evening at Bow Lake Elementary School. His wife, Betty is one of the teachers, adding a class graduated this past Monday.

•Presentation of the Wellness Committee Mission Statement

Human Resources Director Mahaffey stated that the City has a Wellness Committee, under the direction of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), which meets monthly with representative from each of the City departments. The goal of the committee is to promote health, fitness and well being, which in turn, will improve the morale of the employees and hopefully reduce medical costs. AWC suggested ways to help the City obtain

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

Wellness Committee Mission Statement (Continued): grants and to be recognized as a more professional committee: create a formal Wellness Committee Mission Statement and increase the City managerial support. City Manager Rayburn attended the May 27 Wellness Committee Meeting. Other managerial staff will be following his lead. Mayor Hansen stated his appreciation of this committee and its goals. Council concurred with the Mission Statement and managerial support.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of claims vouchers** in the amount of \$1,135,715.77 for the period ended June 4, 2004.
- **Approval of employee vouchers** in the amount of \$551,631.54 for the period ended May 31, 2004.
- **Approval of summary of \$5,000 - \$25,000 purchase requests** for the period ended June 4, 2004.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

- **Regular Council Meeting** held May 25, 2004.

The following Agenda Items were recommended at the June 8, 2004 Study Session for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #2428; Resolution #04-005

A Resolution accepting the 2004 Comprehensive Plan (CP) Update Assessment Report

Summary: State law requires most Cities to complete a Major Update of their CP by December 1, 2004. The 2004 CP Update Assessment Report is essentially a three-year work plan. It details the updates made to the City of SeaTac Comprehensive Plan during 2002 and 2003, and outlines the remaining steps to be taken to accomplish the required Major Update, bringing the City's CP into full compliance with State law.

Accepting this Resolution acknowledges the steps that the City has taken over the past two years toward accomplishing the required Major Update, and also acknowledges the potential amendments that the City will consider during 2004. Accepting this Resolution does not adopt any amendment proposals. All of the proposed amendments will be reviewed and assessed by the SeaTac Planning Commission (PC), the Land Use and Parks (LUP) Committee, and the City Council throughout the rest of this year. Council will have the opportunity to adopt, reject, or modify each of the proposed amendments as each one merits. Council action is tentatively scheduled for November 23, 2004.

Agenda Bill #2437; Resolution #04-006

A Resolution amending the City Council Administrative Procedures Section 4(J)

Summary: On May 11, 2004 the City Council amended the Council Administrative Procedures, which established that all Committee Meetings would be Committee of the Whole Meetings. As a result of this change, there was concern that these meetings would need to be recorded. This Resolution clarifies that only Regular and Special Council Meetings and Council Study Sessions (SS) need to be recorded. The current practice of not recording regularly scheduled Committee Meetings would continue.

This Resolution also clarifies that Committee Meeting minutes should be placed on the consent agenda for consideration and approval by the whole Council.

MOVED BY DEHAN, SECONDED BY ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING:

• **Extending the Interim Development Standards for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (WTF)**

Mayor Hansen opened the Public Hearing on extending the Interim Development Standards for WTFs at 7:38 p.m.

The staff report was given at the June 8 SS preceding this meeting.

There were no Council or public comments at this Public Hearing.

Mayor Hansen closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Bill #2438; Resolution #04-007

A Resolution extending the Interim Development Standards for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (WTF)

Summary: This Resolution extends the Interim Development Standards for WTFs to allow time to finalize the permanent standards that are being developed in conjunction with the City's consultant.

Interim Standards were adopted by Ordinance No. 03-1021 on June 24, 2003 for an initial period of six months and extended for an additional six months. They are due to expire on June 24, 2004.

The Interim WTF Standards were initially adopted to address changes in technology and trends in the wireless industry that include the likelihood of increased facilities in residential areas. The Interim Standards were intended to restrict new monopoles from residential areas and refine what types of facilities could be placed on utility poles in the rights-of-way (ROW).

Since the adoption of the Interim Standards, the City has been working with a consultant to assess how facilities are likely to be placed in the City in the future, and develop a strategy for efficient placement of facilities that prioritizes concealed facilities, and may include generating revenue through the placement of some facilities on City property. The City will be reviewing a draft of the proposed revised regulations regarding WTFs in the next few weeks, and public input will be taken on the proposal.

Extending the Interim Standards will ensure that low intensity areas are protected from aesthetic impacts of new monopoles and certain types of antennas on utility poles until the new, permanent standards can be adopted.

Under State regulations, the Interim Standards may be extended for six months if a public hearing is held and findings of fact made in support of the extension. A public hearing was held prior to passage of this agenda bill.

Adoption of this Resolution would have no fiscal impact to the City.

MOVED BY ANDERSON, SECONDED BY DEHAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 04-007.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Terry Johnson spoke regarding his earlier comments, stating that staff has met with him several times and he wanted to thank them for that. He stated his intent is to get fair treatment based on the number of parking spaces he has, the same as other business are being granted.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: City Manager Rayburn informed Council that he, along with Councilmember Anderson, would be attending the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Retreat to be held on Thursday and Friday, June 10 and 11 in La Conner.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Wythe requested a status report on the next steps in the future senior center planning process. He wanted to be sure staff is staying focused on this project until its completion.

Councilmember Anderson had the following items of business: 1) in Mayor Hansen's behalf, she attended the dedication of the McMicken Heights athletic field. She presented Mayor Hansen with a wall hanging made by the third graders at McMicken Heights Elementary School, thanking the Council for the appropriation of funds for the field; 2) attended the dedication of the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Center. She added that her neighbors baked cookies and served the food for the event. The LSS staff stated the City team were the best group they have worked with; 3) requested staff provide her with a print-out of the Port of Seattle's (POS) projected buyout map which she distributed to each of the Councilmembers; 4) requested an update on the status of the Court's ticket collections; and 5) met with Mauricio Ayon, Latino Community Coordinator, who spoke on this matter at the May 11 SS regarding a safer path for Bow Lake Elementary School students. She walked the area. She believes, at one time the Fire Department had wanted to put a road through there from South 182nd Street to the apartments. She would like a progress report on this area because by next fall, those children will need a safer passage to and from school.

Councilmember Shape stated he received an email from the SCA asking for volunteers to assist the Municipal League of KC in rating candidates running in the upcoming elections. It is a good way to become more informed about governmental issues.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS (Continued): Councilmember Brennan attended, on behalf of Mayor Hansen, the team effort of the Double Tree Airport Hotel employees / Valley View Elementary School third graders in the planting of 50 northwest native seedling trees at North SeaTac Park. Hotel staff spent three days at the school teaching a curriculum called Teaching Kids to CARE! – a community-based outreach program. The seedlings were donated by the Weyerhaeuser Company and each student was given a seedling to take home.

Secondly, Councilmember Brennan requested a meeting with City Manager Rayburn regarding the senior center issue. He requested a demographic assessment of the density of senior citizens in three-to-four mile radii from the two site alternatives. He added that the tour of the Auburn YMCA was impressive. He feels there can be a stand-alone facility at either of the potential sites. There could be a savings of \$3 million by sharing the South 188th Street location with the YMCA. He felt this cost element should be considered.

Councilmember DeHan stated that the Transportation & Public Works (T&PW) Committee discussed the dilemma of safe passage for the school children from South 180th Street in the multi-family area to the Bow Lake Elementary School. One of the options committee asked staff to examine was the extension of South 180th Street (eastward) to tie into the next through street. This may be a better solution than tight lining the ditch in the current pathway as it would also give access to emergency vehicles. Secondly, he wanted to add that the McMicken Heights athletic field is not just for the children. Anyone in the neighborhood can use this area per the City/HSD Agreement with the understanding that the district would take care of the maintenance.

Mayor Hansen stated: 1) at first he was not for the YMCA facility on South 188th Street but after seeing the Auburn YMCA facility, he feels this possibility should be considered; 2) last week, he was able to attend the Seattle Christian School graduation to present a scholarship award from the Rotary Club. The school is a real asset to the community; 4) also attended the dinner for the opening of the Courage Wing at the Museum of Flight, which is a superb facility; and 5) added that the senior center process is moving forward. Parks & Recreation Director Ledbetter is working on this project.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY DEHAN, SECONDED BY ANDERSON TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 7:57 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Frank Hansen, Mayor

Judith L. Cary, City Clerk